

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 5, 2014**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller  
Darrell Pollesch  
Lisa Derr  
Larry Bischoff  
Larry Schraufnagel

**Also Present:** James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Aaron Ellis, Sheriff's Department; Rodney Kreitzman, Sheriff's Department – Jail Administrator; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of August 1, 2014; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Email was received by Committee Chair Miller that the County has received a TAP grant. This is for \$100,000 per year for 5 years for treatment services.

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Judge Storck expanded on the email informing of the grant award in that this could be a source of funds for the new positions.

He reported that the 2014 numbers will be within budget for the year, and the Courts may be returning some money. Collections in both the reimbursements for county appointed attorney and guardian ad litem are up, along with probate fees. Family Court Counseling collections were also up the first 6 months of 2014. Judge Storck explained the way the State reimburses Family Court for time spent on child support cases – this reimbursement is expected to be down.

Judge Storck reported that the new procedure for firearms surrender in injunction cases goes into effect on November 1, 2014. Circuit Court, Family Court, Sheriff's Department among others are developing procedures on these cases regarding the surrender of firearms. Follow-up is now required so this will require additional hearings. It is unknown at this time, just how much additional work this requirement will cause.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** By email, Lynn Hron reported that revenues are down in part because of the decrease in filing fees being paid.

Although the State reimburses the County for inmate jury trials, there are still outstanding payments owed to the County.

**Child Support Report:** No report.

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg reported that his office is within their budget projection for the year and he anticipates that next year will remain close to this year. He has made the request to the State for 2 additional Assistant District Attorneys, but because of the current budget does not anticipate additional staff. He explained to the committee the shortfall of prosecutors in the State. If Dodge County were to receive an additional prosecutor, he anticipates it would be to administer the TAD program. No additional County staff would be necessary even if another attorney were added.

The District Attorney's office went online yesterday with the New World interface with the Sheriff's Department and everything has gone through as expected.

**Medical Examiner Report:** ME Schoebel reported to the Committee that he will go over his department numbers next month. There was no further report.

**Sheriff Department Report:** Sheriff Ninmann reported that the County's current 911 system is 7 years old. The upgrade proposed, that is next generation compliant, will be one of the first in the State and will accept text, video and pictures in addition to the current audio. She reported that they are leaning toward dealing with Intrado directly as their Viper product has now become the standard and it will integrate with New World. The cost estimate is \$275,000 which is significantly lower than first projected. Mr. Mielke added that he believed the funding for this will be through the county sales tax.

The Sheriff informed the Committee the issues involving the security system currently in place in the Justice Facility. Because of it's age, it's becoming harder to replace worn parts. The maintenance department has done a great job of upkeep, but it's time to look for a replacement. Because none of the people on staff have the expertise in this area, they have hired Mead & Hunt as consultants, who will then act as contractor and oversee the project as this is such a specialized area. They are currently hoping to get bids by May of 2015.

Rodney Kreitzman reported on the current contract bed situation and how the jail adjusts staff/resource time to accommodate the numbers.

Scott Smith also explained to the Committee how overtime and "comp" time numbers affect the budget process for the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Ninmann reported on the hiring process currently going on along with resignations received. They could be down as many as 8 positions in the department. Right now there are 2 unfunded positions, one in the jail and a detective position.

There is a projected slight increase in the cost for court security as the injunction hearings may require more staff time.

Regarding the evidence storage building, the proposed funding may be through the county sales tax.

Jim Mielke reported on possibly getting a Morton-type building. The proposed amount would be in the neighborhood of \$150,000 but will be bid out. The approximate 36 x 70 foot building would be climate controlled with a concrete floor and would include an evidence storage area. They would like to locate this building behind Clearview because it would be helpful to keep evidence here in Juneau.

As far as total prospective budget, the Sheriff believes the bottom line for revenue will be similar to last year with contract beds being around 242-245 for next year.

There will be a ceremony on September 11 at 5:00 to dedicate the Law Enforcement Memorial in front of the Administration Building with Judge Storck as speaker. There will be a light dinner afterward. The Juneau Silent Parade will also be that evening at 8:00.

The Sheriff also reminded everyone about the Hero Parade in Beaver Dam at 11:00 on Saturday with events afterward in Swan Park.

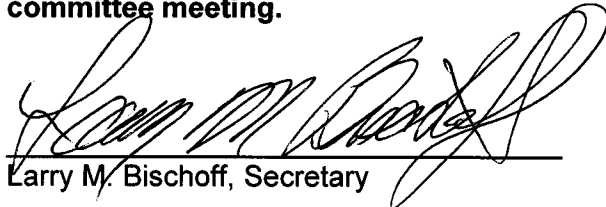
**Other business:** Presentation by Jail Administrator Rodney Kreitzman. He informed the Committee about the process an inmate or detainee goes through from initially entering the facility through the booking and classification process. Rodney pointed out the challenges his department has with all the different skills needed in dealing with the prisoner population. He pointed out that Dodge County does not house juveniles. Inmates have access to medical and mental health providers, and many are also able to work in facility jobs if they have acceptable behavior. Sewing, and working in the laundry or kitchen are part of those "perks". These also help keep down facility costs by not having to contract out for additional services. Any "events" that an inmate may take part in is tracked for record keeping.

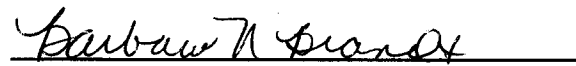
Maryann Miller will schedule a jail tour for Committee Members.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, October 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned on Motion by Chairman.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m..

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

  
Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary

  
Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary